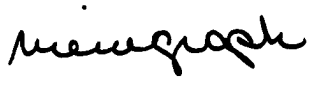


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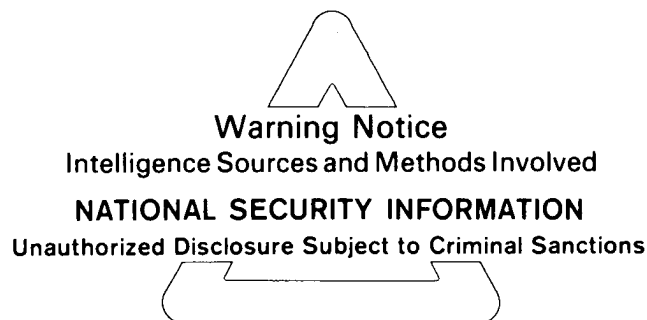
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POSSIBLE ROMEO-CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION
SINPO SHIPYARD, NORTH KOREA

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROMEO-CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINE (SS) HAS POSSIBLY RESUMED AT THIS EAST COAST SHIPYARD.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: AT LEAST 15 ROMEO-CLASS SUBMARINE COMPONENTS AND TWO CONSTRUCTION JIGS WERE MOVED TO THE LARGE INCLINED BUILDINGWAY SOUTH OF THE SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION HALL BETWEEN [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH THE PLACEMENT OF THE COMPONENTS COULD BE FOR REASONS OTHER THAN CONSTRUCTION, THE ORDERLY ALIGNMENT OF THE OUTER HULL SECTIONS AND COLLOCATION OF THE FABRICATION JIGS SUGGESTS STAGING FOR THE INITIAL PHASES OF RENEWED SS CONSTRUCTION.

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(S/D) ELEVEN ROMEO SS WERE CONSTRUCTED HERE BETWEEN 1974 AND 1979. ROMEO-CLASS SS COMPONENTS WERE NOT SEEN AT THIS SHIPYARD FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE APPARENT COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN EARLY 1979. IN ADDITION, NO EVIDENCE OF VESSEL CONSTRUCTION OR LAUNCH FROM THE SUBMARINE HALL HAS BEEN OBSERVED SINCE 1979. IMAGERY OF MAY 1980 REVEALED AT LEAST 32 ROMEO SS COMPONENTS IN OPEN STORAGE ON OR NEAR THE BUILDINGWAYS NORTH OF THE SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION HALL, AND SEVERAL FABRICATION JIGS WERE IN THE COMPONENT STORAGE AREA OF THE YARD. APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF THE COMPONENTS WERE MOVED TO AN OPEN AREA ADJACENT TO THE NORTH BUILDINGWAYS IN AUGUST 1981 TO MAKE ROOM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIN-A, A PROBABLE SUBMARINE CHASER (PCS) SIMILAR TO THE TAECHONG-CLASS PCS. AT LEAST 17 COMPONENTS REMAINED NORTH OF THE CONSTRUCTION HALL [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 40-01-22N 128-09-56E

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